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AMENDMENT/REPLY

Sir:

In conjunction with Applicant's Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 2, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.